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The Conservation Pledge

I pledge to protect and preserve the natural resources of the planet Earth, and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, land, forest, and wildlife.

Gold Beach, OREGON

In October, 2013, a hired helicopter owned by the *White City* helicopter company, PACIFIC AIR RESEARCH INC., sprayed southwestern OREGON timberland near *Gold Beach*, AND residential homes in the *Cedar Valley*. The spraying was causative of more than two-dozen sickened citizenry actual complaints!

Director Lisa Arkin, of *Beyond Toxics*, the pesticide watchdog group, implicates that U.S. citizens complained of HEADACHES, BLURRY VISION, LOSS OF BALANCE, COUGHING, FATIGUE, NAUSEA, and RASHES. It is no coincidence that so many were sickened on the same day and reported similar symptoms while unaware of their exposure to the helicopter spraying.

A group of doctors has written OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY officials calling for an epidemiological investigation of helath complaints. The OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY is advising doctors treating patients suspected of herbicide exposure to consult the OREGON POISON CENTER.

The victims whose homes were sprayed are frustrated over how long a time it took for the state of OREGON to investigate. The foot dragging made it impossible for their medical doctors to know which pesticides their patients were poisoned with. Some of their patients are still coughing five months after being poisoned by the PACIFIC AIR RESEARCH INC.

The OREGON DEPARMENT OF AGRICULTURE Director, *Katy Coba*, claims the ODA was originally told the only herbicide used was **GLYPHOSATE**, known as **ROUND UP**. But lead investigator, Mike Odenthal, implicates that vegetation shows **DOW 2, 4-D**, and **TRICLOPYR**. Hired helicopters did allow pesticide dosage that was heavier than the label instructions allow, and the poisons did fall on unintended properties.

Ms. Coba whitewashes the ODA's accountability by claiming the state agency was "*mised*" about what pesticide products were used and "*mised*" by being presented false records from PACIFIC AIR RESEARCH INC.

Why were four forests and residential homes doused with aerial applications of **GLYPHOSATE ROUND-UP, DOW 2, 4-D** that contains **AGENT ORANGE, and Triclopyr**. The natural ecology of forests have existed for millennia without such toxic provocation against trees. What's going on, why did this happen, and what are the state of OREGON and the federal government going to do to prevent it from happening again, in light of the soon-coming use of *unmanned drone* spraying of pesticides that are slated to begin in OREGON this very year. Maybe elected officials allowing research without the American People's informed consent should be recalled.

(Source: April 9, 2014, "*White City helicopter firm could be penalized over spraying*" by Jeff Barnard, The Associated Press)

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Children Rule!

Conserving the environment is a movement of many people. The buck stops with each U.S. citizen. Even AMERICAN kids are getting involved. Children have arisen as plaintiffs against the U.S. government. As U.S. citizens they claim the U.S. government is trustee of the environment and tweens are holding the U.S. government derelict as their trustee, especially regarding *clean air*. The future generations cannot be free if their air, water, and food are controlled by someone else.

The Millennial children are the Ones that the birds, the bees, and the butterflies have been waiting for. They and their children are holding the U.S. government liable for the toxic pollution of the AMERICAN HOMELAND. The lawsuit, that was filed in court, is getting federal attention because the generations after this deserve to have a future and a hope. *Arise, you Light has come*. For more information contact pete@earthteach.org.

"Whoever controls the food, controls the people."

--Henry Kissinger

A lukewarm attitude is what paves the way for the Oligarch to plant a global GMO plantation. All food will be patented by the giant chemical cartel. Man will be enslaved because of apathy. But just suppose U.S. citizens wake up before the passage of laws to make it illegal to save seeds or to grow your own food in AMERICA.

Freedom is the driver behind the MOVEMENT to head GMOs off at the pass by voting YES and passing **Measure 15-119** to ban the patented GMO biological pesticide crops from *Jackson County, OREGON*, in May 2014.

It's good news that the UNITED NATIONS (U.N.) has taken a stance by declaring 2014 as the "*International Year of Family Farming*". It's time for AMERICA's public schools to lean in to honoring America's unsung heroes, the small-scale U.S. family farmers. Now is the moment for *Elementary* and *Middle School* teachers to ask what they can do to help local family farmers conserve neighborhood earthworm aerators, pollinators, and native fauna and flora.

It is time to teach all school-aged U.S. citizens about the misery of farmed animals, starving children, the extinction of wildlife species, and how to conserve their local soil, pollinators, earthworm aerators, and native grasslands and migratory bird wetlands. Just do it for *their* sake. Picture *Lady Liberty* with the torch of learning in one hand and see yourself leaning in to family farming. You could get involved with the *Parent Teacher Associations* (PTA) to bring a *Farm to School* lunch program to local school cafeterias.

Moms all across AMERICA are replacing lawns with lettuces and calling for *Genetically Modified Organisms* (GMOs) to be labeled. "*LAND that I love*" should be the song in every graduating *High School* senior's heart because graduating passive consumers of food is NOT a sustainable condition. The reason to make responsible food choices is to live free.

University students should ask yourself what can you do on campus to conserve resources because Man must find ways to transition into loving human presence on Planet EARTH. That means transitioning into an economy based on peace, rather than war.

It is peace-promoting to cherish native fields and flowers, home gardening, small-scale family farming, and street tree orchards. Actually it is small-scale family farming that supports life on this planet. Loving your neighbors as yourself is expanding to mean loving EARTH's fragile ecosphere and all sentient beings.

We are *all* called to love one another. In order for World Peace to actualize, Man must garden and tend small-scale farms that are part of local communities and in harmony with the EARTH's living soil and the living ecosphere. Safeguarding Our Family Farms has to do with the type of love that is necessary to heal the planet.

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It is actually organic gardening that supports life on this planet without pesticide poisons. That's why *Grandmothers and others all across AMERICA* are getting involved in the homegrown revolution by seed saving, because what feeds the human spirit is love, joy, peace, and healing energy.

(Sources: April 11, 2014, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, Marketplace "U.S. Corn Exports to China Dry Up Over GMO Concerns" by Jacob Bunge, Chuin-Wei Yap, and Tony Dreibus; www.fairworldproject.org, Spring 2014, "Small-Scale Family Farming Supports Life", by La Via Campesina, to the European Commission (EC) conference in Brussels by La Via Campesina (LVC); UN General Assembly declaration, "2014 the International Year of the Family Farmer"; 2014, ROGUE FLAVOR, YOUR GUIDE TO FRESH AND LOCAL FOOD IN SOUTHERN OREGON, "Did you Know?"; Issue 8 Spring 2014 FOR A BETTER WORLD; www.fairworldproject.org; and www.MomsAcrossAmerica.com, www.gmoilm.org; www.OurFamilyFarmsCoalition.org)

Mega Industrial Projects Pose More Eco-Graffiti

The costs for *Mega Industrial Projects* are soaring while solar and wind power are coming down. For example \$50 billion has already been spent on the *Kashagan* project in the *Caspian Sea* that will bring gas to EUROPE without RUSSIA.

Joe Kaeser, President and CEO of a *German Industrial Conglomerate* called *Siemens AG*, boasts that the manufacturing renaissance for Big Industry Megaprojects is excusable due to increasing demand for carbon dioxide goods and services. Actually that's the very reason why it is reprehensible!

Kinder Morgan Energy Partners L.P. is investing \$1 billion to grow its carbon dioxide network of new wells and new pipelines at its *St John's* field in *Apache County, ARIZONA*. The *Lobos* pipeline will transport it to *Torrance County, NEW MEXICO*.

Sam Laidlaw, Chief Executive of a *British* company named *Centrica PLC*, is luring petrochemical companies to invest along the *GULF COAST*.

Halliburton Company is ramping up to produce more gas and oil. But *Climate Shift* may force Man to start caring about what it will cost if Man keeps manufacturing carbon dioxide goods and services.

(Sources: March 10, 2014, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "American Gas for Europe"; March 27, 2014, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, Corporate Watch, "Company Plans New Wells and Pipelines" by Ben Fox Rubin; March 7, 2014, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, "Energy Chiefs Feel Cost Pinch")

The Nukes

The *North Korean* peninsula remains officially at war because of *Armistice*, rather than a *Peace Treaty*. If you think it is just rhetoric, *North Korea* recently fired medium range *Rodon* ballistic missiles from a mobile launcher, violating UNITED NATIONS *Security Council* resolutions, meaning *North Korean* missiles could reach *Tokyo* and key *U.S. military* bases in *JAPAN*, without giving maritime warning. You may not know if *North Korea* has long-range nuclear warhead missiles.

On the other hand, in an agreement with RUSSIA in 1994, *Kiev* gave up its nuclear weapons in exchange for a guarantee of *UKRAINE's* territorial integrity.

The goal of this month's *Nuclear Security Summit* was for action toward nuclear nonproliferation, and *The International Atomic Energy Guidelines* to improve nuclear security were adopted by 35 countries. But *CHINA, INDIA, PAKISTAN*, nor *RUSSIA* refrained from joining the other 35 countries that agreed.

(Sources: March 26, 2014, MAIL TRIBUNE, "North Korea Fires Two Medium-Range Ballistic Missiles", by Jung-Koon Choisan and Foster King; March 26, 2014, WALL STREET JOURNAL, "Russia, China shun Nuclear Agreement", by Maarten Van Tartwijk, Carol Lee, and Anton Troianovski, the Hague)

Bicycle Oh La La

The earliest four-wheeler dates from the 17th century FRANCE, and the earliest two-wheeler was exhibited in *Paris* in 1818. The reason for the bicycle's efficiency is its chain drive, adapted from the chain pump invented in CHINA, by *Zhang Sixun* to run mechanical clocks in AD 976. The first chain drive appeared in the West in 1770, and was applied to bicycle propulsion in 1869.

Improvements have made bicycles the most efficient human-based form of propulsion on EARTH. You may consider how many bicycle riders throng the streets of any *Asian* town. Bikes are the main form of transportation in CHINA today.

Casual cyclists may be able to meet your shopping needs by biking instead of getting into your car to get groceries. If you want to bike to the Farmer's Market or grocery store, first find out if your city has bike lanes in which to safely peddle. Then you can be car-free some, or most, of the time.

For shopping purposes of five-miles or less, a steel-framed "*beater bike*" that is built to handle a load quite well can be had at a garage sale or thrift store for about \$100 bucks. Nobody would want to steal it so there's no worries.

You may prefer a moderately priced hybrid with tires bigger than a road bike's, but narrower than a mountain bike's. It would also work just fine and you could find one for a few hundred dollars.

Another option is to convert a mountain bike into a city bike simply by switching out the knobby tires for slicks that have a smooth tread.

Just suppose you want a classic 3-speed RALEIGH ROADSTER town bike, or "*townie*". Most of the ones that were made in ENGLAND are still around decades later. If you get one with fenders, a sturdy rack, and a matching chain guard, a front basket can be very well accommodated.

The WALD "*Newsboy Special*" bike basket is big enough to carry two large bags of groceries. It is affordable, easy to install, and you can just lift the carrying handle upright to take the basket with you when you shop. Visit www.waldsports.com.

If you need to carry a bigger load with weight, get a rear rack and attach classic bike panniers. The JANDD "*Grocery Bag*" pannier folds up and has a quick release design, and you can lift and take them with you when you go shopping. High-end ORTLIEB panniers are very strong and waterproof.

Go with a bike trailer if you are serious about carrying large loads of gardening supplies, groceries, or produce. Unless you have small children to carry, choose a trailer actually designed for carrying cargo.

One may go into your local bike shop to talk with the experts and see what works best for your needs.

(Sources: Spring 2008, EDIBLE EAST BAY, "*Be a Basket Case Shop by Bike*", by Timothy Bustos; www.edibleeastbay.com; THE TARIM MUMMIES, Ancient China and the Mystery of the Earliest Peoples from the West, Chapter 11 "*Legacy—Full Circle Wheelbarrows and Bicycles*", by J.P. Mallory and Victor Mair)

Pop Quiz

What is your *Neighborhood Association* doing about how Climate Change affects your community?

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